



Family Matters

North Carolina National Guard

June 2003

Well, Are They Coming Home or Aren't They?

There have been rumors, and rumors of rumors! Only the Department of Defense knows for sure – and the DOD's "for sure" changes routinely. What we do know is that no deployment is likely to last more than two years; most will probably last one year; and some may be even shorter in duration. Additionally, as we are informed of homecomings, we will promptly notify all affected families so that special training and events can be coordinated.

Remember, that while we are seeing homecoming events on the TV, these homecomings often involve only a few hundred soldiers at most. Right now Ft. Bragg still has approximately 20,000 soldiers deployed. For more information on the deployment you can go to <http://www.usmil.com>.

For now, "patience" is the key word – and let's all find at least one silver lining in this cloud --- AT LEAST YOU GET TO HOLD THE REMOTE!

Family Assistance Centers (FAC) Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



To better serve you, we have established Family Assistance Centers (FAC). Each FAC serves as a call center to assist you with any family-related issues. Whether you need information concerning medical benefits, legal assistance, community support, or just someone to listen, friendly family representatives are available to attend to your needs. Help is just a phone call away!

Locations	Units Served	Phone Number
Charlotte	1454 th Transportation Company	(704) 359-5745
Clyde	161 st Medical, 210 th & 211 th MPs	(828) 627-9024
Greenville	514 th Military Police	(252) 752-0855
Morganton	505 th Engineers (all locations)	(828) 437-0746
Morrisville	1/130 th Aviation, 111 th Finance, 123 rd Personnel, 139 th ROC * 30 th CSG	(919) 664-7617

Note: We understand that all families do not reside in the city of the unit, therefore, please feel free to call your nearest FAC. In addition, you may call toll-free to access a FAC at (800) 621-4136. All FAC representatives are happy to assist you and they will frequently call to check on your well being.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



June 14th – Flag Day Ceremony

Elks Lodge, Leadmine Road, Raleigh, NC

Featured Speaker – Mrs. Ingram

Please plan to attend there will be food and fun activities!

Music in the Air



NC National Guard – 440th Army Band Tour 2003

All Concerts are Free

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
June 29 th	Concert Fletcher Park, Raleigh, NC	6:00 PM
June 30 th	Tryon Palace, New Bern, NC	7:00 PM
July 1 st	Beaufort Community College, Washington, NC	7:30 PM
July 3 rd	South Side Park, Surf City, NC	7:00 PM
July 4 th	Coast Guard Parking Lot, Wilmington, NC	7:15 PM
July 5 th	Andy Griffith Playhouse, Mount Airy, NC	8:00 PM
July 6 th	Blowing Rock Town Park, Blowing Rock, NC	4:00 PM
July 7 th	On the Squared (Downtown) – Granite Falls, NC	7:00 PM
July 8 th	Ashe Civic Center, West Jefferson, NC	7:30 PM
July 9 th	Bethabara Park, Winston-Salem, NC	7:00 PM
July 10 th	Hefner VA Hospital, Salisbury, NC	2:00 PM



Festival on the Eno River

<http://www.enoriver.org/festival>

In honor of our military families, the Eno River Association is giving all military family members and their personal guests **free admission** to the Festival for the Eno on July 4, 5 and 6. While you can use your tickets on any of these days your Family Support Center is focusing on Friday, July 4 as a special time for our families. On July 4th the Festival will be followed by a show at 8:00 pm and fireworks at 9:00 pm at Durham County Stadium, directly across from the Armory on the corner of Duke St. and Stadium Drive. This is a terrific opportunity for the whole family.

Special activities for the kids include:

Activities including quilt making, pottery, recycling, fishing, and more
Bubble Science and
Butterfly Houses-from the N.C. Museum of Life and Science
Climbing Walls-test your rock-climbing skill
Critters-learn about amphibians, mammals and plants with whom we share the Eno.
Demonstrations -of canoeing, native American weaponry, crafts and more
Durham Bulls -Fast Pitch
Environmental Exhibits -from over 60 environmental groups
Face Painting and Henna Art
Food-all sorts of yummy stuff
Mill-explore the working grist mill
Performances -at the Otter Stage all day long from some of the regions best musicians, storytellers, magicians, puppeteers and clowns.
River-wading, canoeing and exploring in the clean and free flowing Eno River
Sandy Feat-sand sculpting on the Meadow
Toys and Crafts handmade by some of our states finest artisans
Writers- visit with award winning Children's authors at the Spoken Word Stage

ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT -- Kids 12 and under FREE -- Diaper Changing Facilities Provided
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- Over the three days of the event there will be 100 Performers on 5 stages to entertain you.
- 80 of NC's finest craftsman will display their wares along the shady banks of the Eno.
- Food: There's something for every palate at the Festival for the Eno. Over 20 North Carolina food vendors serve their delicious wares at the Festival each summer. Our international food court features everything from festival favorites like corn dogs, fries and burgers; to curries, humus, fresh smoothies and home-made ice cream. (If you prefer, coolers are welcome—just no alcohol in them, please!)

For more details, directions, and pictures please go to <http://www.enoriver.org/festival/info.html>.

Please RSVP to Rena Wethington at 919-664-7655, Angela Dockery at 919-664-7616, or Cynthia Griffin at 919-664-7617 no later than June 20th. We will mail your tickets along with any additional information you may need. After June 20th you can still decide to come but you will need to pick up your tickets at the Armory across from the County Stadium. We will still need to hear from you regarding your intentions in order to request enough tickets. THANKS!

2003 Discount Ticket Information

Carowinds: ****Military Special**** - Tickets are \$21.00 for everyone ages 3 and up (\$41.99 @ the gate)
Tickets are good any day of the 2003 Season. **Carowinds will donate \$1 for every ticket
sold to the **Fallen Soldier's Fund.**

Kings Dominion: **"SALUTE TO HEROS"**- Good any day of 2003 season. Tickets are \$21.00 for
everyone ages (3 & up. Ages 7 and up - \$41.99 @ the gate; Ages 3-6 \$27.99 @ the gate).
** Kings Dominion will donate \$1 for every ticket sold to the **Fallen Soldier's Fund.**

Carowinds/Kings Dominion Season Passes: \$239.99 Family of four (\$364.99 @ gate); \$60. Family
Add-ons or individual (\$63.75 @ gate). **Passes must be validated at Carowinds before
being used at Kings Dominion.**

Busch Gardens:- Tickets \$29.00 each for everyone ages 3 & up. (Good through September 21) (reg.
\$44.99) (Children under 3 are free; ages 3-6 are \$37.99 @ gate).

Water Country USA: \$27.50 each for everyone ages 3 and up (\$33.99 ages 7 and up @ the gate) (
\$26.99 ages 3-6 @ the gate).

Busch Gardens/Water Country USA: 3 Day Bounce-\$65.00 each (\$ 69.99 @ the gate).

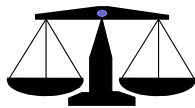
Emerald Pointe Water Park: \$18.50 (\$25.99 @ the gate) (Children under 2-free).

Tweetsie Railroad: \$3.00 off ticket price. (Adults \$24.00, children 3-12 \$18.00, children age 2 and under
Free).

TICKETS: * The NCNGA pays for the tickets as they are sold; we are unable to provide refunds of
tickets are unused.

- Tickets are mailed the day the request is received.
- Ticket info is also on the web site: www.ncnga.org.
- Questions about tickets? Call Kathy Ford at the NCNGA office at 1-800-821-6159,
ext. 0.

Order Tickets: To order tickets, send check, money order, or credit card info to:
NCNGA, 7410 Chapel Hill Rd. Raleigh, NC 27607 or call
1-800-821-6159, ext. 0 for Kathy Ford.



DID YOU KNOW?

Fort Bragg Legal Assistance Office Is Available To Help Address Your Questions And Concerns!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

PLEASE CALL FOR DIRECTIONS

**XVIII Airborne Corps
Legal Assistance Office
(910) 396-6113 or (910) 396-0396**

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday (Family Law walk-ins): 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

➤ **For separation and/or divorce, please call first.**

SERVICES PROVIDED:	WHAT WE CANNOT DO:
❖ Appointments	❖ Commercial Ventures
❖ Contracts	❖ Claims Against The Government
❖ Domestic Relations	❖ Criminal Defense
❖ Information	❖ Employee Relations
❖ Legal Advice	❖ Finance Problems
❖ Military Administrative Appeals	❖ In-Court Legal Representation
❖ Powers of Attorney and Notarial Services	❖ Personnel Problems
❖ Wills	❖ Real Estate Issues
	❖ Transportation Problems

TIDBITS...

AR 608-99; Army Regulation 608-99 explains the Department of the Army's policy, guidance and procedures concerning non-support of family members, paternity claims, and paternity-related adoption proceedings.

Q: What is a soldier's obligation under the regulation?

A: A soldier's obligation includes: Providing adequate and continuous support for family members; Complying with separation agreements, court orders and judicial orders or decrees; and Meeting financial obligations promptly.

Q: If the soldier fails to meet the requirements, can the army deduct money from the soldier's pay?

A: No. The Army has no legal authority to deduct money from a soldier's pay without his consent unless garnishment or involuntary allotment has been ordered by a civilian court.

Q: In the absence of a Court Order or Agreement, how is adequate support for family members determined?

A: In the absence of a court order or agreement, and until such an order or agreement is obtained, the Army has established minimum support measures for single and multiple family units.

Child Support; The Legal Assistance Office can help you answer questions such as:

- ✓ How much child support should I received if I'm separated from my spouse?
- ✓ Who decides how much is enough? What if the other parent and I cannot agree on the amount of child support?
- ✓ What court decides child support?
- ✓ What if I need more child support?
- ✓ Can child support be increased? Reduced?

CONTACT THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attention: Pregnant Military Wives!!!



Are you pregnant and your husband is deployed? If yes, then you may qualify for FREE Doula support for your labor and birth! For more information about Operation Doula Care in North Carolina, please contact:

STACY CARVER

North Carolina State Representative

Phone: (704) 924-8376

Fax: (704) 872-6133

Email: rscarver@abts.net

Or visit us on the web at:

OperationDoulaCare.org

Note: If you are expecting a baby during this deployment, please let us know!!! We'd like to help support you by finding a way to network our moms-to-be (i.e. shopping for maternity and/or baby clothes, attending baby showers, celebrating births, etc.) Please join our list of expecting moms by calling the Morrisville Family Assistance Center at (800) 621-4136 ext. 7616 or 7655.

